has come to the notice of Government that certain heads of Departments have appointed persons who were overaged without asking for exemption. These people who have been so appointed have now to their credit a certain amount of approved acting service and the question of exemption from age bar in the case of such persons is being considered. In the case of the two candidates referred to by the Director of Public Instruction, Government took serious exception to this irregularity and while granting the exemptions warned the appointing authority against a repetition of such irregularity.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri).*—Till this consideration is over will the Government see that in such cases the candidates are not thrown out?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—Some of them may have less acting service than people who are within the age limit. We are considering these cases only in the order of seniority of acting service.

Mr. President.—No body who is acting should be sent out. Is that so?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri).*—For the reason that they are overaged.

Mr. President.—When once a man is holding an appointment, he is allowed to hold it until his acting period expires.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ *(Ezhuvas North).*—കെ. ആർ. കൃഷ്ണനെ അപ്പോയിൻറ് ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടായിരുന്നു. എന്നിട്ടാണ് എക്സംപ്റ്റ് ചെയ്തയില്ലെന്നു പറഞ്ഞത്.

Vela community—Educational position of.

165. Mr. George Parakkal *(Narakkal).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the educational position of the Vela community in the State;

(b) whether the Government will consider the necessity of extending free education to the members of this community in the Government Schools of the State?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—

(a) Backward.

(b) The community is already enjoying half-fee concession. No further concession is possible at present.

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Mr. George Parakkal *(Narakkal)*.—Is not the Vela community more backward than many of the depressed class communities?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*.—I can confidently say that it is not so.

Foot-path to Nedungad Bridge.

166. Mr. George Parakkal *(Narakkal.)*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they are aware that there are no public foot-paths leading to the approaches of the Nedungad bridge;

(b) will the Government be pleased to open foot-paths and obviate this difficulty of the people in approaching the Nedungad bridge?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats)*.—(a) Yes.

(b) The matter is being considered. The approach road on the Nedungad side is being completed.

Mr. George Parakkal *(Narakkal)*.—Are there Government foot-paths connecting the Nedungad bridge on either side?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats)*.—I don't think there are any poramboke lands.

Mr. George Parakkal *(Narakkal)*.—They are not poramboke lands. On either side there are private lands. Government should take steps to see that they are acquired. That is the purport of my question.

Foot-path—Manjanakad Jetty—Narakkal.

167. Mr. George Parakkal *(Narakkal.)*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they are aware of the obstruction caused to the foot-path leading from Manjanakad jetty to the interior of Narakkal;

(b) whether the Government intends opening a foot-path connecting Manjanakad jetty with the new hospital road;

(c) the approximate time the Government will be taking in opening this road;

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